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Given that our discussion late last week was incomplete, I thought I should summarize what I heard during Thursday's (02/05) Regional Federal Coordination call. Here are the major points, most of which came from the NMFS and FWS leads:

- (1) Virtually all Regional work on the BDCP is on hold pending "a decision and announcement" from the State. No one said what the announcement was going to be, but there were a number of people who used the term "change in direction" by the State.
- (2) Apparently, the State met with the BDCP Principals when the state people were in Washington DC. There was an assumption on our call that the state discussed the substance of the "change of direction" with the Principals at that time, but no one stated that for certain.
- (3) In advance of this State announcement, the "BECT" meeting (the meeting with the non-Federal cooperating agencies (mainly Delta water district and reclamation districts) was cancelled. And the NMFS convenor confirmed that there are no additional meetings with EPA at any level (policy or technical) to discuss the revised DEIS.
- (4) In response to my direct question, the NMFS call convenor said that they anticipate an announcement by the State by the end of the month, and hopefully before our next phone call (biweekly phone calls).

That's all I know. I am also copying the other regional folks who were on that call, so if they have additions or corrections, please send them out to this list.

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